



Obituary

Born: Thursday, October 13, 1932

Died: Sunday, December 15, 2019

George F. Baxter

PORT ALLEGANY- George F. Baxter, 87, of E. Ransom St., passed away unexpectedly Sunday (Dec. 15, 2019) in the Olean General Hospital.

Born October 13, 1932, in Port Allegany, he was a son of Franklyn L. and Laura E. Shields Baxter. On Apr. 9, 1955, in Roulette, he married Donna M. Young, who died May 29, 1993. On June 17, 1995, in Port Allegany he married Dawn E. Rifle Johnson, who survives.

George was a lifetime resident of the area and a graduate of Roulette High School, class of 1950.

Mr. Baxter was a veteran having served with the US Army, during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 192, Coudersport.

George was a previous member of the First Baptist Church, Roulette, where he taught Sunday school, was a member of the choir, and drove the church bus; and currently is a member of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Port Allegany, where he was former senior warden, and member of the choir. He was a member and past master of Liberty Lodge 505, F. & A.M., Port Allegany; past High Priest of Arnold Chapter Royal Arch, & past District Deputy of District 11, Past Commander of Potter Commandry, past thrice Illustrious Master of Coudersport Council, past governor of York College-Association Regent, past Prior Knight York Cross of Honor, member of both Red Cross of Constantine and Royal Order of Scotland; past preceptor of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, past Sovereign of Allied Masonic Degrees, and past Commander-in-Chief of Coudersport Consistory, 1996-98.

He was a member of the Port Allegany Rotary Club, life member of the Roulette Fire Department, former Boy Scout Troop Leader #29, Roulette, and taught hunter safety for many years.

He also enjoyed his music and was a member of the Twin Tier Community Band, Community Band of Coudersport, and Potter-McKean Players, where he was best known as "Wild Thing".

Surviving in addition to his wife Dawn, are a son, Donald G. (Donna) Baxter of Titusville, FL; three daughters, Paula A. (Marty) Moses of Port Allegany, Patricia J. (Carman) Welliver of Danville, PA, Pamela S. (Phillip) Tavenier of Sanborn, NY; 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Kaye Baxter of Tioga, PA, and Jan Baxter of Roulette; three stepsons, Dan L. (Karen) Johnson and Scott A. Johnson both of Port Allegany, and Ronald D. (Mark) Johnson of Parker, CO; two stepdaughters, Cheryl K. (Wes) Ralyea of Belmont, NY, Kathleen A. Link of Port Allegany; 10 stepgrandchildren, 5 stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Service Summary

Visitation

1:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thu Dec 19, 2019

Switzer Funeral Home

77 Willow St
Port Allegany, Pennsylvania 16743

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Fri Dec 20, 2019

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He was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna, two brothers, Robert M. and Delbert W. Baxter.

Friends will be received from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Switzer Funeral Home, Port Allegany, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday (Dec. 20, 2019) with Rev. Joann Piatko, pastor of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Port Allegany, officiating. Burial will be in Hill Cemetery, Roulette.

A masonic service will be conducted by Liberty Lodge 505, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

A military service will be conducted by the Potter County Honor Guard immediately following the funeral service, in the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the Port Area Ambulance Service, Star Hose Co., Roulette Fire Department, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be sent to: Dawn E. Baxter
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Port Allegany, PA. 16743